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Legislature snagged on budget gap

By Evan Hill
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday was the 20th day the Illinois General Assembly has been in session beyond their normal deadline, locked in a budget battle over a small fraction of the state budget.

This 20th day breaks a 13-year-old record for extra days in session set in 1991.

Patty Schuh, a representative for State Senate Republican majority leader Frank Watson, said several senate Republicans

planned on holding an informal demonstration including cake and sparklers to commemorate the record breaking day and to prevent people from forgetting it.

Schuh said a setback occurred Friday when the senate discovered a projected source of income would not be available as they had planned. She would not comment on specifics but said it had involved the possible settlement of a lawsuit.

She said the senate had not yet tackled the issue of state employ-

ee pensions. She said Watson believed this was an obligation the state had to the law and the state's employees.

"They are in general agreement though," Schuh said. "They're not as close as he (Watson) hoped."

National Public Radio reported the gap at \$120 million Tuesday.

However, Schuh said the actual gap in the budget fluctuates daily depending on the mood of lawmakers and Governor Rod Blagojevich.

Several of the issues still being

debated include state employee pensions and education spending.

However, many lawmakers are pushing to prevent any cuts to higher education.

"Senate republicans insist higher education remain at fiscal year '04 levels," Schuh said.

This type of budget is called a zero-based budget- it begins with no authorized funds, and each spending activity must be justified each time a new budget is prepared, according to www.lect-law.com.

Jim Shonkwiler, Eastern's budget director, said the Illinois Board of Higher Education supports a zero-based budget.

"The President (Lou Hencken) has asked that the Governor and Legislature follow the recommendation of the Illinois Board of Higher Education," he said. "That recommendation was to pass a budget bill providing a flat budget for FY 2005 that would be equal to the initial appropriation for FY 2004."

Higher education appropriations have been on the governor's chopping block before; \$100 million was cut from higher education in 2003.

"Eastern made a deal last year" to operate with 2 percent or \$1 billion dollars less to avoid future appropriation cuts, State Representative Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) said previously. "But the governor double crossed them and threw another 2 percent in at the last minute."

"In Illinois, over 100 school districts are nearing or have reached bankruptcy,"

he said previously.

In late May, the governor's office requested the university return about \$1 billion dollars or 2 percent of its state-supported budget, as it had in 2003.

Shonkwiler said he was hearing reports that suggest a rumor that state agencies could be asked to reserve 4 percent of their budgets in fiscal year '05.

"One would guess that if state agencies are asked to 'reserve' 4% it would be likely that state supported services like higher education could also be asked to do the same thing," he said in an e-mail. "However, nothing is certain at this point."

Shonkwiler said the governor and the legislature must prioritize their competing needs for available funding.

"Remember from your basic economics that demand is usually unlimited and resources are usually limited causing a need for some rationing mechanism to be used," he said in an e-mail. "In this case, the rationing mechanism is elected state officials."

One possible side-effect of potential budget cuts at Eastern would be a reduction in staff or cuts in funding to certain programs. However, Shonkwiler said Eastern President Lou Hencken "is committed to maintaining the quality of the educational experience at Eastern."

"However should we have to absorb additional cuts, it is reasonable to assume there will be some loss in positions and some contraction in programming," he said.



You got served!

Nine-year-old Erin Smitley, of Charleston, chases down a ball served to her by her mother, Jean, Tuesday evening on the tennis courts east of Thomas Hall. Smitley was with her mother and her brother, Ryan. This was the kids' first attempt at tennis.

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State Rep.
Chapin Rose



Gov. Rod
Blagojevich

Grant helps teach technology, history

By Holly Henschen
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eastern is taking area educators on "An Adventure of the American Mind." The AAM grant program provides K-12 teachers instruction to utilize digitized resources from the Library of Congress to improve students' history appreciation and technology skills.

"It's awesome when you have teachers like this in the summer," Cindy Rich, project coordinator said. "They don't have to be here. It's because they want to learn more and grow and pass it on to our kids"

In January, the college of education was awarded an 18-month federal grant of up to \$450,000 from Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin. Project coordinator Cindy Rich has since conducted workshops throughout 6 counties to spread the intellectual wealth.

The program inspires critical thinking skills and challenges students to examine different interpretations of the past and present, the program web site stated. More than 100 collections of primary sources of historical eras and events such as 19th century Chinese immigration to California and the Great Depression are available on the American Memory web site.

A video conference was held between Charleston High School teachers and two librarians from the Library of Congress Tuesday morning in Buzzard Hall. The educators discussed interviewing skills

and levels of listening with the librarians and applied it to classroom situations.

"It's just such a unique opportunity to have somebody from the library talking to the teachers here, and to put a face on the librarian," Rich said. "They know if they have questions when they're working on their curriculum in the fall, they can email the librarians at the Library of Congress and get information."

The AAM program, which began in 1999 in North Carolina, now involves eight states.

Other schools administering the program in the state are Illinois State University, Loyola University-Chicago, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, SIU-Edwardsville and DePaul University.

The project encourages the use of 8 million downloadable motion pictures, sound clips, documents and maps available on the library's web site.

"I'm amazed at how much information is out there, especially all these digitized images that we can use for class that we had no idea were there before," said Tina Winnings. The Charleston High School English, speech and theater teacher said the program would allow her students to compile comprehensive resources on the 1920s for "The Great Gatsby"-themed presentations.

"Kids would love to be able to pick out things like cartoons and posters that they would then be able to integrate into a classroom history aspect," Winnings said, "but it's also pop culture, and they love pop



Charleston High School teachers and Eastern alums Rick Cohoon and Tina Winnings participate in a listening exercise during a video conference with librarians from the Library of Congress Tuesday morning in Buzzard Hall. The video conference is part of the "Adventure into the American Mind" grant program, which instructs teachers on how to use online resources from the Library of Congress to teach history and technology to students.

culture."

If teachers take 15 hours of workshops, their schools earns \$2,000 for teaching equipment of their choice. The CHS teachers expressed interest in digital cameras.

Teachers from Charleston schools have

been visiting Eastern throughout the summer to participate in the workshops. More are scheduled with East Central Illinois teachers until 2005, when the grant may extenuate if funding permits.

The American Memory site is available at memory.loc.gov.

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Excuse me

Daily Eastern News photo by Stephen Haas

Kwynn Woodruff (left), a sophomore at Evansville North High School, and Whitney Baggett, a freshman also from Evansville North, bump into each other while hustling to their next position Tuesday evening on the tundra field south of Tarble Arts Center. The girls were part of the Evansville North Green Brigade marching band, which is holding their camp at Eastern this week.

Woman charged with killing Eastern student extradited

After arrest in Connecticut,
Jones will soon be extradited

Staff report

A woman charged with the reckless homicide of an Eastern student last summer will be extradited to Coles County after her April arrest in Connecticut.

On July 1, Connecticut Governor John Rowland signed a warrant ordering Jones' extradition.

A governor's warrant, approved by Rod Blagojevich, was sent to Rowland requesting Jones' extradition.

"She was initially fighting extradition, but eventually waived it," said Deters. "If she had not waived it, she would have been there probably another 6 months."

Deters said he expects Jones will be brought back to Coles County soon.

Blair moved to Torrington, Conn., in the fall of 2003 with her husband, registercitizen.com reported. She was arrested in April at her home by federal marshals and Torrington police officers.

Charges of reckless homicide, driving under the influence, driving with a revoked license and speeding were issued Sept. 15, 2003 by assistant States Attorney Duane Deters.

A warrant was issued for Jones' arrest in late September after she missed the second

court date in an unrelated forgery case. She had not been contacted about the first date.

Circuit Judge Ashton Waller said previously. A reckless homicide charge could result in a 3-to-14 year prison sentence. The other charges could result in 1-to-3 year sentences.

She will now face the original forgery charges, as well as driving with license revoked and D.U.I. charges and an additional count of reckless driving and violating a bail bond.

A police report on the accident stated the driver lost control of the vehicle while traveling on Route 16 near Coles County Road 1400, also known as Fairgrange Road.

Henson was found in the back of the 1997 gray Ford Tempo and taken to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Carle Hospital in Urbana after transfer the next day. Traumatic head injuries were ruled to be the cause of death.

A Coles County Sheriff's Department detective testified at Henson's autopsy inquest that Jones' blood alcohol content was .22 percent, .14 percent over the legal limit of .08 when tested at the accident site. He also said the suspect had cocaine in her system.

Henson, 34, was a family and consumer sciences major. The mother of 3 children ages 12 through 16, resided at University Apartments at the time of her death.

Fox News accused of bias

NEW YORK (AP) — Before taking its next commercial break, Fox News Channel offered a glimpse of the Democratic presidential running mates in action. Seen tossing around a football, John Edwards passed it to John Kerry, who, only a few yards away, dropped it. Then, picking up the ball, Kerry threw it back to Edwards. He dropped it.

This fleeting comic sequence — which might as well have been subtitled FOX NEWS ALERT: DEMOCRATS FUMBLE — is typical of what Fox News Channel employs as "Fair & Balanced" journalism. It aired last Tuesday, by chance also the day a documentary premiered that slammed Fox News Channel for right-wing bias and Bush administration cheerleading.

Now two groups associated with the film, "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," have fired another shot: A complaint filed earlier this week with the Federal Trade Commission asks that Fox News Channel be barred from calling itself fair and balanced.

Fox News "misleads" the public by marketing its coverage as nonpartisan, argues Wes Boyd, co-founder of MoveOn.Org, one of the complainants.

"Fair & Balanced" is an indefensible slogan in light of the network's "preferential treatment of Republicans and conservative ideas," declares Chellie Pingree, president of Common Cause, the other petitioner.

Meanwhile, over at Fox News, they've got to be loving this. The specter of liberals mounting such an assault only confirms the siege mentality driving the network: In a media world that lists dangerously leftward, only Fox News' thumb-on-the-scales brand of balance can supply the needed counterweight.

Besides, doesn't "Fair & Balanced," like so many product slogans ("When You're Here You're Family," "Do the Dew") stand as puffery immune to the dictates of verifiable truth? Or even good sense?

In a recent column for the Los Angeles Times, social historian Neal Gabler observed that "if by 'fair' one means objective and unbiased, then more often than not 'fair' and 'balanced' may be mutually exclusive." That is, a "fair" discussion of the Holocaust wouldn't call for the "balance" of a Holocaust denier.

But such musings can't offset the fact that "Fair & Balanced" is a brilliant slogan, reflecting not only the image created by this cable-news ratings leader, but also its viewers' sense of themselves.

Indeed, more than half of Fox's viewers describe themselves as conservative, according to a study released last month by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

Welcome home. Tuned to Fox News, they are guaranteed a reassuring refuge from the Demonized Other: the presumed liberal slant of Fox News' rivals. Preaching its fairer-than-thou gospel, Fox News plays on its audience's distrust for the media while positioning itself as the anti-media news media alternative.

Little wonder if some observers see this branding strategy as less than straightforward.

"My criticism of Fox News isn't that it's a conservative channel. It's the consumer fraud of (claiming to be) fair and balanced — it's nothing of the sort," says Jeff Cohen, co-founder of the media watchdog group Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting, in the film "Outfoxed."

P. Diddy gets political

NEW YORK (AP) — Trendsetters, fashionistas, rappers — P. Diddy wants you.

Specifically, he's looking for the "sexy people" to help him entice young people and minorities to vote in the presidential election, as part of his new nonpartisan voting initiative called Citizen Change.

"Now we're going to make voting cool," the hip-hop mogul/Broadway actor/marathon runner/fashion designer/perpetual A-list designer proclaimed as he trotted out fresh young faces, supermodels and even Democratic strategist James Carville at an event to begin his drive.

"For the first time in history, we're going to make voting fashionable," he said.

Of course, this hardly is the first time a celebrity has been involved in politics, or that rockers or rappers have tried to get out the vote. In recent years, Rock The Vote has enlisted stars including Madonna to appearing in public service announcements urging young people to vote, while MTV and BET have had campaigns to increase voter registration. And another

hip-hop mogul, Russell Simmons, has had his Hip-Hop Summit Action Network hold several gatherings in cities across the nation to register voters.

"I think that Rock the Vote and the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network has given birth to this organization," said P. Diddy. "(But) I wanted to launch a new energy at a new time."

Citizen Change plans to link up with MTV, BET, Clear Channel and other media outlets to increase voter awareness, and P. Diddy said there will be registration drives on college campuses and education initiatives to make people more aware of the election and the issues.

The organization will hold functions tied to both the Democratic and Republican conventions. P. Diddy also said both President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry will be invited to participate in Citizen Change events.

P. Diddy already has enlisted stars Ben Affleck, Leonardo DiCaprio, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige for the effort, and labels such as Ecco, Phat Farm, and

his own Sean John have been tapped to create clothing featuring the initiative's motto — "Vote or Die!" — which Diddy himself wore at the news conference.

But it wasn't all serious. Models Tyson Beckford and Lucas provided eye candy as they modeled the T-shirts, and P. Diddy provided plenty of levity.

When he said the group would charter a jet to travel to swing states to make an impact, he added: "We will have mimosas on the jet. We're going to have the sexiest jet!"

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Going to class never tasted so good

International classes offer students a taste of Italy between summer and fall semesters

Staff report

Eastern students can earn college credits for drinking wine and cooking and eating Italian food this semester. "In the U.S., we're so used to eating food for fuel, and we've lost the dining experience," said Jim Painter, head of the school of family and consumer sciences.

Painter accompanied Eastern students on a study abroad program to Apicius, the Culinary Institute of Florence, Italy, from June 8 to July 8. There they participated in wine and culinary classes. Painter decided it would be a good idea to let Eastern students join the experience.

"It costs so much to go over there," he said. "I thought 'why not bring those professors over here.' It's much less expensive."

America has a different cultural perspective on wine, Painter said.

"You don't drink alcoholic beverages to get intoxicated," he said. "That's something that happens on college campuses. It can actually enhance the flavor of the food."

Guest professors from Apicius will teach the food and wine classes.

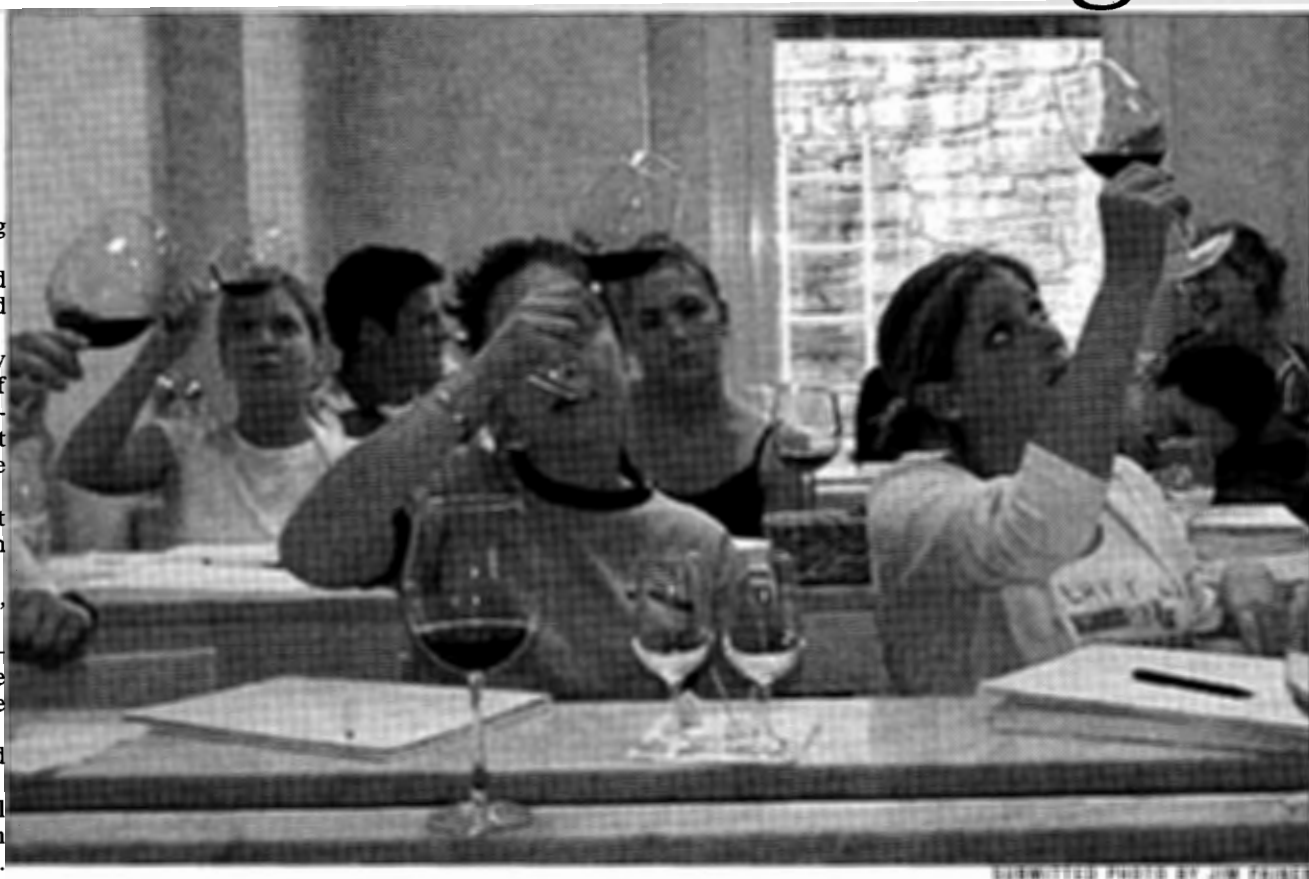
One class, titled "Introduction to Italian Wines," will be taught by Diletta Frescobaldi. Her family has been making wine since 1106, according to a press release. Frescobaldi has a doctorate in wine marketing. Students will learn about a different region of Italy in the class each night and sample three wines from that region. The class syllabus said it will focus on the distinct historical, traditional, geographic and climatic aspects of each region, and Tuscany will be better detailed. The class will be held from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday from July 26 to August 5, in the upper level E.L. Krackers restaurant. It is listed as FCS 4235-117 and 5235-117.

Painter said drinking wine in moderation is one of the healthiest things humans can do as they grow older.

French eat more fat and have more cholesterol, but die of heart disease at one fourth the rate we do, he said.

"Red wine reduces the ability of blood to clot," he said. "That makes it really a health food."

The second class is titled "Mediterranean Diet Cooking," taught by Cecelia Ricci, also from the Culinary Institute of Florence. Each night students will learn about a different dish of Italian cuisine. The course will also closely examine the typical products that characterize the Mediterranean Diet such as olive



Students on a recent study abroad trip to Italy study wine in class. Eastern will offer an Italian wines class, as well as a Mediterranean cooking class between semesters in August.

oil, pasta, rice, vegetables and fruits, dairy products etc., examining their history, economic relevance, production, nutritional value and different uses around the Mediterranean, the syllabus stated. Students will gain practical experience and feedback by preparing and eating the dishes they learn about. The class will be offered from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday August 9 to 19, in Klehm Hall. It is listed as a Fall 2004 course under FCS 4235-701 and 5235-701.

Those interested in the courses who are not currently enrolled as Eastern students can contact the Office of Continuing Education to register. The office can be reached by calling (800) 446-8918 or 581-5114.

There is still space available in both classes. More information on the classes and pictures from the study abroad session can be viewed at www.eiu.edu/~famsci/italy/.



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A group chef photo from the Culinary Institute of Florence, Italy.

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EDITORIAL

Anti-minor death penalty

If you can't vote, you shouldn't be sentenced to death. If you are not old enough to die for your country in military service, you should not be sentenced to be killed by your country as punishment for crimes committed.

The US is one of five countries that allows execution of minors. The controversy surrounding this form of cruel and unusual punishment is scheduled to be considered by the U.S.

Supreme Court in the case of a Missouri man who allegedly murdered his neighbor in 1993 at the age of 17.

Friends-of-the-court briefs were filed by 48 nations, 18 Nobel Peace Prize winners and 28 U.S. religious groups urging the Supreme Court to reverse his death sentence ruling; therefore making it illegal to execute minor offenders.

The court ruled it legal to execute 16-and-17-year olds in 1989, as well as illegal to execute those 15 and younger in 1988.

In 2002, the court ruled it illegal to sentence mentally handicapped offenders to death. If they are not ruled on the same level as an American citizen, children should not be either.

Teenagers have distinctly different hormones running through their bodies.

Children offenders cannot be judged by the constitutionally guaranteed jury of their peers, because jurors must be legal adults.

Many deplorable circumstances are killing our youth-obesity, drugs, violence- we shouldn't add to the demise of a generation by executing those who haven't even grown up yet.

Our society is exposed to enough violence, why add violence toward children? Juvenile offenders could be studied while incarcerated to improve understanding of youth who commit heinous crimes.

The threat of execution is no real deterrent, studies have shown. Many teenagers, because of lack of experience, carry the idea of personal invincibility. The death penalty will prove even less of a deterrent to them.

One final point to keep in mind- many adult Americans would acknowledge they are markedly different people than they were during their teens.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

Life sucks, then everything gets better



Heather Hall

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Whenever life is about to get really crappy, there's usually one good thing that happens, and then my life falls into a nosedive. I met a great guy a couple of weeks ago, and we get along rather well. We hung out a bit, and I thought life was going great.

Then last week hit. Sunday, I became ill. It lasted long enough to warrant a trip to Health Services, where I found out I had an infection, and I received antibiotics. You would think that would be it. Infection gone, life goes on. That was not the case. I have never had a reaction or side effects with antibiotics before, but the prescription they put me on didn't seem to sit well with my innards. So, despite the infection seeming to heal well enough, the antibiotics had me down and out.

I felt well enough late in the day Wednesday to attend a newspaper meeting, and the next morning to go to work, but even my boss told me that I was incredibly pale and hadn't looked very healthy. After leaving work Thursday, I was down and out again - relapse! I wasn't able to go to work again that day, or the next.

Lucky for me, I had a three-hour drive home Friday for an appointment with my family doctor. I somehow made it there

"Today is a brand new day. Eventually this streak will disappear, and life will get better."

without having to pressure wash the inside of my rental car, and my doctor gave me a new antibiotic to fight the infection with less severe side effects. So now I just have to deal with muscle aches.

I can't say that the next event was because of the new antibiotic and its tendency to make my muscles hurt, but I feel like blaming something. I made the mistake of trying to shake water out of my hair after a shower Sunday, and I heard a ripping sound come from my left temple. It hurt pretty bad and then went away somewhat quickly. But after a couple hours, the pain was back, and it was brutal. I would say it was my worst migraine ever, but I had a migraine that was so severe a year and a half ago, I couldn't go to classes for the entire second half of the semester because it lasted for almost a month at full strength before gradually subsiding by the start of May.

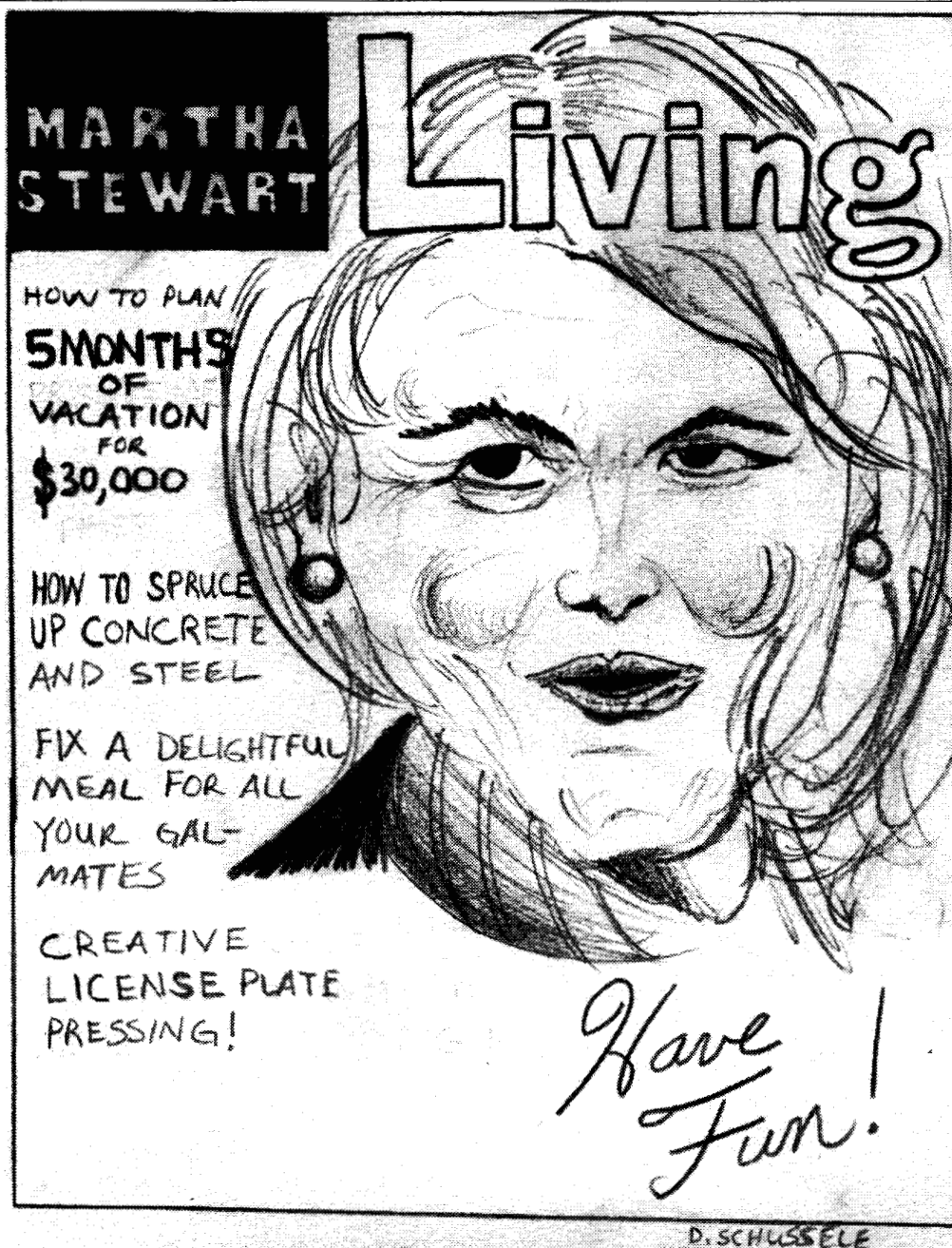
I felt better after sleeping off the pain with some good old

Excedrin Migraine, so I went to work Monday, feeling mostly better. I had even made plans to spend a part of my afternoon with a friend in Pana. But as luck would have it, as I attempted to leave to start the drive back to Charleston for a newspaper meeting, the rental car had trouble starting. My friend was able to hook the car up to his truck to jump it, but after a short amount of time, it died again. By the time it was able to run near normal, it was after dark, and I had an hour drive home.

On the way, a cop followed me for a couple turns, and he decided to flash his lights. He said he pulled me over for a failure to use my turn signals. I explained to him that I was in a rental car, the lights hadn't worked when I got it over a month ago, and so had used my signal, but they couldn't be seen from the rear. Easy enough explanation. But have you ever been pulled over in a rental car? It takes long enough to run people's cars when it's their own car.

But I prefer to think optimistically, despite my recent history. Today is a brand new day. Eventually this streak will disappear, and life will get better. Despite life having its downturns, there are upsides to look forward to. I just hope they come pretty quick.

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County fair brings new attractions

By David Thill
VERGE EDITOR

Each year tens of thousands of area natives flock to the Charleston fair grounds for one week of summer festivities, and this year should prove no different. "We get about 35,000 people on average," Ron Amyx, president of the Coles County Fair Association said.

Amyx said he expects the same numbers as in years past.

The fair, which began running in 1854, is the state's longest running continuous fair.

In 1841, a group called the Coles County Agricultural Society held a fair three years in a row but did not hold another until 1856, the association's Web site, www.colescountyfair.com, said.

The Coles County Fair was the site of the fourth Lincoln-Douglas debate on September 18, 1858 where a crowd estimated between 10,000 to 12,000 people were in attendance.

On Saturday, May 26, 1917 a large tornado tore through the fair, destroying everything - including a large section of the town - except a portion of one stable. Another disaster occurred December 1, 1973, when a fire killed 57 race horses, the association's Web site said.

The fair will get a few new additions this year as three events will be introduced, Amyx said.

The first is a championship bull riding competition, funded by Rural King and Wrangler. Another new event will be the Hollywood Stunt Show featuring car crashes and motorcycle jumps by Mike Foster. The final is a performance put on by the Log Huggers, a group of sculptors who use chain saws as their media of choice, Amyx said.

After the carving, the group's pieces will be auctioned off.

The fair will also feature a mechanical bull, Amyx said.

Amyx said the main draw that keeps people coming back is agriculture.

"We spotlight agriculture to the community," Amyx said. "That's what's kept it going all this time."

"We usually hear from people who are a little upset, but overall we get really good feedback," Amyx said. "We can't afford what some people want, but we try to make it so everyone can enjoy it."

Adult general admission is \$2 after 2 p.m., and children get in free.

Coles County Fair schedule

Sunday, July 25

Noon Fair opens

2 p.m. Carnival opens

2 p.m. Little Miss Coles County

7:30 p.m. Fair Queen Pageant

Monday, July 26

1 p.m. Carnival open

7:30 p.m. Florida Boys Concert

Tuesday, July 27

Noon Harness Racing

1-5 p.m. Kids Day at Carnival

6:30 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pull

Wednesday, July 28

Noon Harness Racing

7 a.m. Mike Foster's Night of Thrills

Thursday, July 29

1-5 p.m. Carnival Bracelet Day

7:30 p.m. Championship Bull Riding

Friday, July 30

8 a.m. Open Dairy Show

6 p.m. Chain Saw Artist Sculpture Auction

6:30 p.m. Truck and Tractor Pull

Saturday, July 31

8 a.m. Western Horse Show

6 p.m. Demolition Derby

Sunday, August 1

1 p.m. Carnical Bracelet Day

4 p.m. Demolition Derby

Bagelfest
Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 21

5 p.m. Carnival and vendors open puppet show.

6 p.m. Puppet show

Beer tent opens

7 p.m. Bagelfest Queen Pageant

Thursday, July 22

5 p.m. Carnival and vendors open

6-9 p.m. Bingo opens (De Mars Center)

8 p.m. Mike Schultz Main Stage

Beatiful Bagel Baby CCM

10 p.m. Beer Tent Closes

Friday, July 23

12 p.m. Carnival and vendors open

4:30 p.m. Softball tournament

Roundhouse complex

5-11:30 Beer tent opens

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6 p.m. Parade begins

7-10 p.m. Bingo opens

(De Mars Center)

8 p.m. Josh Turner (Main Stage)

Blake Shelton (Main Stage)

7-11 p.m. Radio Kings

Beer tent open

Saturday, July 24

7:30 a.m. 1 mile fun run

5K participation walk

7:45 a.m. 5K and 10K run

8 a.m. World's Largest Bagel Breakfast (ends 11 a.m.)

Sunday, July 25

9:30 a.m. Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds Presentation (main stage)

10 a.m. Talent Show (main stage)

12-4 p.m. Bingo opens (De Mars Center)

2 p.m. Bagel Bow Wow Contest

5-11:30 Beer tent opens

6-9 p.m. Bingo re-opens (De Mars Center)

8 p.m. Gary Allen (main stage)

Pop Rocks (beer tent)

Bagelfest provides more than bagels

By David Thill
VERGE EDITOR

Local residents will get a helping of bagels when Bagelfest comes to Mattoon on Wednesday, July 21.

Beth Hedding, director of tourism for Mattoon, said the festival brings 20,000 to 30,000 to the city.

Planning for the event begins in October and musical acts are signed soon after, Hedding said.

The festival began in 1986 and was hosted by Murray Lender, owner of Lender's Bagels, as stated in the book "America Bizarro" by Nelson Taylor.

The main draw of the festival is the music, Hedding said.

"We want to provide quality acts," said Hedding. "Even if we have to spend a little more money to do it."

The event, now in its 19th year, offers various things to do, such as: the Queen Pageant, numerous musical acts, fresh brewed beer, a fun run, talent show and free bagel breakfast.

"(Bagelfest) is full of nice family events," said Hedding. "It does-



n't matter if you are five to 105, we've got something for everyone."

In fact, the event has become so popular that ticket sales for Saturday's events are the largest sales in the history of the festival, Hedding said.

"The community is really behind it," she said.

The theme for this year is "Viva Las Bagels," a departure from the patriotic themes of the past two years.

Hedding said Bagelfest rarely draws money.

"We usually just break even," she said. "If we do make any money, it is used for the next year."

"It's great to bring the whole family out," Hedding said.

Fight sequences shine in recent Japanese release

"Versus"
Ryuhei Kitamura, director
Grade: B-

By Patrick Wimp
SUMMER INTERN

Released in 2000 in Japan but only recently made available to the U.S., Ryuhei Kitamura's "Versus" is a strange blend of horror and kung-fu action. The film is recommended by Quentin Tarantino for fans of his "Kill Bill" series, and the influences on his successful films can be seen throughout.

"Versus" stars Tak Sakaguchi as Prisoner KSC2-303. The bizarre name for its main character fits right in with the film. Sakaguchi's character escapes from prison into the Forest of Resurrection, a place where the dead do not stay dead.

As he journeys through the forest fleeing Japanese Mafia members, he discovers that he plays a very integral part in a story that has been going on for thousands of years.

In a word, this movie is insane but fun insane. It could best be described as a cross between "Highlander," Sam Raimi's "Evil Dead 2" and Tarantino's "Kill Bill." These films all fit in likeness as the film follows ageless samurai warriors battling zombies throughout the Forest of Resurrection.

It is this eccentric creativity that pushes "Versus" through its negatives and makes it a fun and a solid

V E R S U S
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INTERNATIONAL MOVIE DATABASE low-budget film.

The action and fight sequences in "Versus" are brilliant, and as with most Japanese-action films, this is the movie's greatest attrib-

ute. Fans of samurai swords, kung-fu and guns will be more than satiated by the massive action scenes in which the mortals trapped in this strange forest battle countless undead zombies. In a moment that I personally have never seen in a "zombie horror" film, the undead, although still relatively brainless, use firearms in their assault upon the forest's wayward travelers.

The story in "Versus" is original and cool if you can follow it. The telling of the story is severely hindered by the terrible English voice overs, another staple in imported Japanese films. Save the main character, most of the English voice actors sound ridiculous and often times the words they use don't seem to flow correctly. Watching the subtitled version is highly recommended. As aforementioned, there are times when even without the dialogue problems, the "Versus" storyline is a bit too bizarre to stay on board with.

This movie is not for the average movie-goer, but for big fans of the action, horror and kung-fu genres, it is a definite must see. The fighting and action is superb and the story, though supremely fantastical, is cool even if you only get the gist of it. Anyone who has watched a dubbed kung-fu film will certainly enjoy this zombie samurai blood-bath.

Fair season cures area summer boredom



David Thill
VERGE EDITOR

Growing up in Charleston, I quickly came to realize that if I wish to find entertainment, I am going to have to do it myself.

Granted, during the nine months our little community is inundated by college students, it is a less than difficult task to find something to do, but that still leaves three months in the year for permanent Charleston residents to fill time.

Unfortunately, these remaining months happen to fall during the hottest and most unbearable time of the year. And nothing is worse

than being stuck in a slow moving, God-fearing town while sweating profusely.

During the summer in Chucktown, time slows to a stop. There are those days when the good times just never seem to stop; hanging out with friends all day, watching movies and creating general mischief and ruckus. However, for the most part this town is the epicenter of dull, which can be found in the nexus of tiresome at the heart of the excruciatingly boring universe.

Yet, through the heat induced haze one pillar of enjoyment stands tall, blocking out all other forms of entertainment.

That's right, I'm talking about the fair. The Coles County Fair, that is.

The state's longest running state fair provides the only oasis of fun

for children in Coles County wedged between scratching one's eyes out and watching paint dry.

The allure of the smell of cotton candy and cow pies may be disgusting to some, but to me it is an odor of sweet memories and childhood.

Some people think that a county fair is old fashioned and outdated. But I say it is a beautiful hark back to olden days when times were simpler, when families could go to the fair for less than \$10 and people weren't afraid to leave their doors unlocked at night.

Not now, however. No that time has long passed. These days, elementary children are taught how to identify a meth lab and what to do when one is sighted. Doors are locked, double-locked and then locked again.

The state of affairs in even such

a small town as Charleston has gotten so out of control that children cannot cross the street without fear of being abducted.

But for one week, a mere seven days, all is good and right. Children ride the Rock-o-planes and the Ferris wheel, they can play games, win prizes and stuff their faces to the brim with cotton candy and lemon shakeups.

All fear of crime and various social worries are laid down, dropped to the wayside and all boredom is forgotten. Children and parents act as though they are the same age and (most) everyone has fun.

Oh yes, it is quite the climax to a season of stress and sweltering temperatures.

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- 1 Nonplussed
- 6 Winter hookup
- 10 Nudges
- 14 15-Across's instrument
- 15 _____ Shankar
- 16 View from Toledo
- 17 Show of smugness
- 18 Thunderclouds, perhaps
- 19 Put away
- 20 Astounded by how much weight you've gained?
- 23 Beach lotion letters
- 25 Born in France
- 26 Dirty looks
- 27 "Really!"
- 29 Little swabs
- 32 Actress Verdugo
- 33 "_____ giorno!"
- 34 From _____ Z
- 37 Deprived of fast food chains?
- 41 "Help!"
- 42 Just-for-fun activity
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- 44 Source
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- 47 Pageant wear
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- 51 _____ Plaines, Ill.

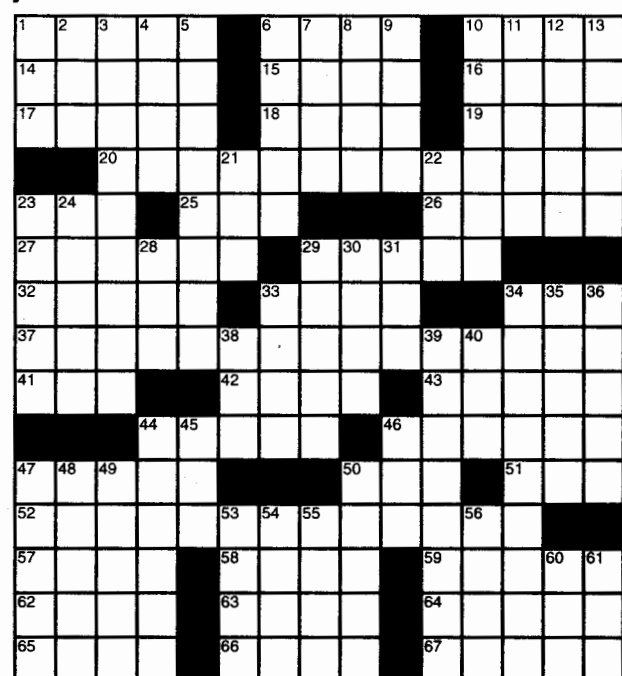
- 52 Tireless in pursuit of weight control?
- 57 Hardly chivalrous
- 58 Pedestrian sign
- 59 Em and Polly
- 62 Son of Aphrodite
- 63 Lui's opposite
- 64 "Ciao!"
- 65 Bad impression?
- 66 Practically devoid of customers
- 67 Cravings of a sort

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- 1 Nincompoop
- 2 Tiny _____
- 3 Stretching may relieve it
- 4 Sandwich man?
- 5 Bill Clinton, e.g.
- 6 Exploratory spacecraft
- 7 Poor, as excuses go
- 8 Kaput
- 9 Birds take this
- 10 James and Jackson
- 11 Use a soapbox
- 12 Unselfish sort

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- 13 Garden bagful
- 21 Get into a pool
- 22 High peak
- 23 Peels off
- 24 Salk's conquest
- 28 Compass heading
- 29 Berries buy, at a supermarket
- 30 Honky-_____
- 31 Ltd., in the U.S.
- 33 Food for regular folks?
- 34 4.0 earners
- 35 [titter]
- 36 Signs of spoilage
- 38 Kind of shot
- 39 Lives it up
- 40 They, in Marseille
- 44 Most liberal
- 45 Loutish sort
- 46 Roth _____
- 47 Wiped out
- 48 Accustom
- 49 Building wing
- 50 Urged, with "on"
- 53 Sent packing
- 54 Mosaic piece
- 55 "To Live and Die _____"
- 56 Island feast
- 60 _____ Offensive
- 61 Sophs. in two years

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Marine claims he did not desert his unit

QUANTICO, Va. (AP) — The U.S. Marine who was once feared beheaded by Iraqi insurgents after disappearing from his unit has stepped forward to deny he is ever a deserter, insisting that "Once a Marine, always a Marine."

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun has been under a cloud of suspicion since failing to report for duty June 20. Decepted images later surfaced showing him apparently kidnapped; he emerged unharmed in Lebanon on July 8 and was brought back to the United States last week.

"I did not desert my post," Hassoun told reporters outside Quantico Marine Corps Base on Monday. "I was captured and held against my will by anti-coalition forces for 19 days. This was a very difficult and challenging time for me."

Hassoun, 24, of West Jordan, Utah, disappeared from his base near the troubled Iraqi city of Fallujah and later turned up at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut. It remains unclear how he traveled from Iraq to Lebanon, where he was born and still has some relatives.

On June 27, Arab television showed a videotape of a blindfolded Hassoun, a sword hanging over his head. At one point during his disappearance, a group claiming to represent his captors announced that he had been beheaded after being lured from the base by a love affair.

Hassoun did not answer any questions during his brief appearance Monday. He is in the midst of what the Marines call a "repatriation process" in which he is debriefed and given time to decompress and avoid a media spotlight, officials said.

"I would like to tell all the Marines as well as all the others serving in Iraq to keep their heads up and spirits high. Once a Marine, always a Marine, Semper Paratus," Hassoun said, invoking the Marine Corps motto, Latin for "always faithful."

Marine spokesman Lt. Col. Dave Lapan said the Marine Corps was not in a position to confirm or deny Hassoun's kidnapping claim.

Hassoun arrived at Quantico on Friday after six days of medical evaluation at a military hospital in Germany. Tuesday morning, he left in a van for a six-hour drive to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, said Capt. Jeff Landis, Quantico spokesman. He will continue the repatriation process there, officials said. Marine officials said it may be weeks or months before Hassoun returns to active duty.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service is not expected to question Hassoun until his repatriation is completed, the Marine Corps said. The Marines are a separate service within the Department of the Navy. When Hassoun first disappeared, the Marines said he was on "unauthorized leave" but changed his status to "captured" after the videotape of him blindfolded surfaced a week later.

Some reports have said Hassoun fled his camp after seeing one of his colleagues killed by a mortar shell; others indicated he was lured out and captured. Another version of events says he was freed after promising the insurgents not to rejoin his unit in Iraq. It was unclear how Hassoun left Iraq and how he made contact with American officials in Lebanon. An embassy spokeswoman in Beirut, Elizabeth Wharton, said the Marine arrived at the fortified embassy, located in a hilly suburb, accompanied by relatives.

Firefighters make progress in California wildfires

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters managed to keep a stubborn wildfire in Los Angeles County away from hundreds of canyon homes, while their colleagues made progress against other blazes that have burned more than 40,000 acres of California brush and forest.

Nearly 1,600 homes have been evacuated since the fire began Saturday in northern Los Angeles County. It had spread across about 6,000 acres by Monday morning and was 45 percent contained by firefighters using helicopters, bulldozers and hand crews working in 90-degree heat.

The blaze was ignited when a red-tailed hawk flew to a power line and its flaming body fell into brush. Residents were allowed to return to homes in the Sand Canyon and Fair Oaks Ranch communities but were kept out of about 350 homes in Placerita Canyon.

In Alaska, firefighters were having a more difficult time battling a 473,000-acre fire on the outskirts of Fairbanks. About 150 people were told to evacuate Monday from a subdivision north of the city. Alaska has been having one of its worst wildfire seasons in years, with 3.6 million acres already burned. However, most of the state's 107 fires are in Alaska's remote and populated forests, and many are being allowed to burn.

The Los Angeles County fire was one of several burning across more than 40,000 acres of California, from eastern San Diego County to Yosemite National Park. The overall cost of fighting the four largest fires is estimated at \$20 million.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

State Senate committee approves restructuring troubled hospital board

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A plan to completely revamp the scandal-clouded state board that reviews hospital construction contracts is one step closer to becoming law.

A Senate committee approved legislation Tuesday that would remove all nine members of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board and replace them with a new five-member board appointed by the governor.

The new board members would be required to have expertise in health care matters and would be prevented from discussing plans with applicants.

The Health Facilities Planning Board came under scrutiny after recent reports indicated a federal whistleblower lawsuit filed under seal claims Chicago businessmen used ties to the

board to try to secure business from Edward Hospital in Naperville.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich suspended all the board's activities earlier this month.

Supporters argue the board needs a fresh start, but some lawmakers questioned whether the measure would go far enough to avoid future scandals.

"It seems like this is a flawed attempt to fix a terrible problem," said Sen. Peter Roskam, R-Glen Ellyn.

The bill already has House approval and now heads to the full Senate. Blagojevich's office has said the governor plans to sign it if it reaches his desk.

Three people die in plane crash

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — A central Illinois packaging company on Tuesday identified the remaining victims of a weekend plane crash that also killed the firm's president and two longtime employees.

Pilot Brian Bastion of Bloomington, Ill., and Tom Hollar, an employee of Smurfit-Stone Company in Indiana, died when the single-engine plane crashed in heavy fog Sunday near the Wheeling-Ohio County Airport, said Rachel Bowling, a spokeswoman for Commercial Packaging Inc.

Bowling said Normal, Ill.-based Commercial Packaging and Smurfit-Stone are business partners, producing packaging materials such as cardboard boxes and paper sacks. The group was on a two-day business trip to West Virginia and Ohio, she said.

Cary Johannes, spokeswoman for Smurfit-Stone, said Hollar had worked for the company since 1979 and was based in Leesburg, Ind. She had no information about the pilot.

"Obviously, we're very saddened by the event, and our hearts go out to Mr. Hollar's family," she said. "It's just a sad thing."

The West Virginia medical examiner's office was still investigating Tuesday and declined to confirm the victim's identities.

Commercial Packaging had earlier confirmed that founder and president Gary Egbers of Normal, sales executive Mark Long of Lincoln and account specialist Tracy Gibson of Bloomington were killed when the Piper PA32 crashed in a wooded area less than a mile from the airport.

Egbers and his wife Jan founded the company in 1983. By 2001, it logged \$98 million in sales and was named Illinois Family Business of the Year.

A preliminary investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board revealed no signs of engine problems and officials are reviewing automated weather reports that were available to the pilot, NTSB spokesman Ted

Lopatkiewicz said.

Investigators said it could be a week before the wreckage is cleared and months before the cause of the crash is known.

Lopatkiewicz said the plane, owned by Commercial Packaging, left Bloomington, Ill., sometime Sunday for Wheeling, according to a flight plan filed with the Federal Aviation Administration. Earlier reports had indicated the plane might have taken off from Kankakee, Ill., or Terre Haute, Ind.

Air traffic controllers in Pittsburgh last spoke with the pilot at 11:02 p.m. Sunday, giving him clearance to land at in Wheeling, said FAA spokesman Jim Peters. He said the plane crashed about three minutes later near the airport, built atop a plateau at 1,196 feet above sea level, surrounded by woods and mountains.

Rescue teams searched through the night but didn't locate the plane's wreckage until Monday morning.

City officials call for Wrigley inspection after falling debris

CHICAGO (AP) — Officials have called for a "100 percent hands-on inspection" of Wrigley Field's upper deck and mezzanine levels after two reported incidents of falling debris in less than two months.

The Chicago Buildings Department will send a letter to Chicago Cubs management setting a 30-day deadline to submit a report, department spokesman Jack Beary said.

"The whole ballpark needs to be inspected," Beary said.

A Plainfield man said he and his 5-year-old son had a close brush Friday

when they went to see a Chicago Cubs game at Wrigley Field.

Jeff Reach, 59, said he and his son and wife were walking up an aisle after the game when a chunk of concrete fell from a tier above them, nearly striking the boy. Reach said the jagged chunk was about six inches long and three inches thick.

That incident was on the third-base side of the park, Beary said.

Another fan reported on June 9 that he saw falling debris along the first-base side, Beary said. No one was injured.

Wrigley was inspected in the off season by a structural engineer and is examined "on a regular basis" by another contractor that performs maintenance and repairs, said Mike Lufrano, Cubs vice president for community affairs.

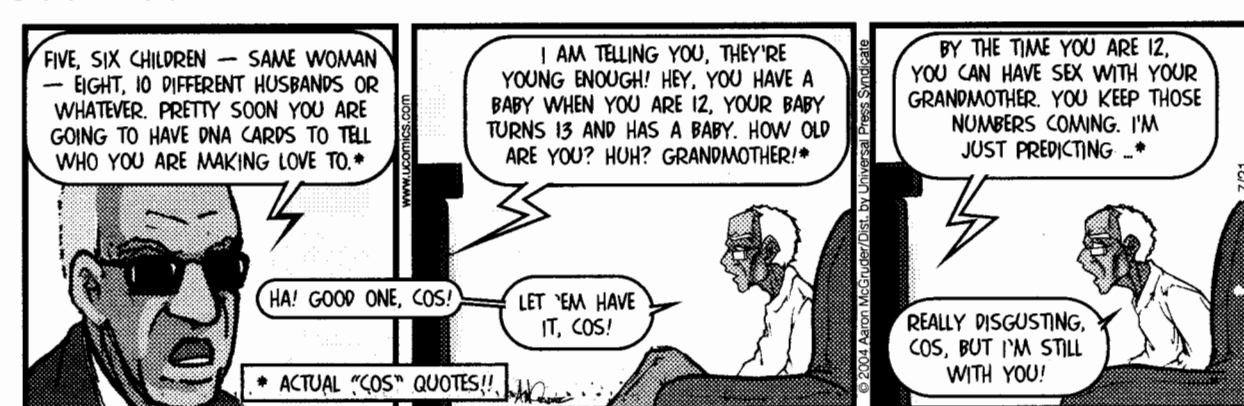
"We always try to identify any issues before they happen," Lufrano said.

Friday's incident was isolated and related to loose concrete around a rod that holds a downspout in place, Lufrano said.

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Women's high performance soccer

This fall seniors Audra Frericks, Lynne Goehler, Rachel Dorfman and Lindsay Dechert will grace the cover of the 2004 Eastern women's soccer media guide in a Chrysler convertible with the top down. Too bad the Homecoming parade takes place in mid-October and not early November. The ladies and their classy ride would make a nice addition to the festivities.

Of course it would be even nicer if, say, Frericks was holding another Ohio Valley Conference Tournament trophy and the ladies were set to embark on another trip to the NCAA College Cup as the Chrysler rolled down Seventh Street.

Unfortunately, expectations are a double-edged sword. Yet, lately, the Eastern women's soccer team has delivered on them. Steve Ballard's team boasts the longest current NCAA postseason streak at Eastern thanks to three straight OVC titles and automatic bids to the College Cup. During the six years that Eastern has played women's soccer in the OVC, the program has never finished below second place and has only lost once (9-1) in the tournament.

All this from a program who turns only nine years old this fall. That's right, 1995 was the inaugural year for a sport that apparently was long overdue at Eastern.

Last season, the Panthers were unbeaten in the league for the third time, but because of a point system that awards three points for a win and one for a tie, a 6-0-2 record was only good for second place. So instead of avoiding the long haul to the Alabama schools in 2003, Eastern had to go to Birmingham for their tournament coronation despite handing Samford its only OVC loss.

Even more impressive about last year's accomplishments is that five teams from Illinois won their tournament championship (Illinois, Illinois State, Loyola, DePaul), and Eastern still had a roster composed of all Illinois natives.

Quincy has been especially plentiful of talent. Not only does Frericks, her sister Morgan and fellow midfielder Kim Garkie all hail from the Mississippi River town, but also Eastern's all-time leader in goals and points, the recently departed Beth Liesen.

Before this column, you probably never read a piece about the Eastern team that mentioned the Frericks sisters and Garkie before Liesen, but now that the 2003 OVC Player of the Year and Tournament MVP has moved on, it's time for this team.

That said, women's soccer not having Liesen is like the football team not having Tony Romo or men's basketball lacking the presence of Henry Domercant.

Liesen became the first player in the history of women's soccer in the OVC to be named First Team All-Conference each year of her career. Audra Frericks, however, can join her on the list with a solid senior season.

The non-conference schedule this season will feature a number of quality opponents, five of which advanced to the College Cup in 2003.

A consistent level of excellence, conference tournament success and a quality non-conference schedule are the elements that bring a program national respect. After receiving their highest seed yet in last season's College Cup, a second-seed in the four-team Columbia, Mo bracket, that respect seems to be increasing the octane in Eastern's performance.

Charleston leaves team camp undefeated champs

Charleston High School leaves Eastern camp with 12-0 record

By Heather Hall
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For the past 24 years, Rick Samuels has led the Eastern Illinois University High School Basketball Team Camp. During that time, the camp has hosted as many as 600 participants, or 72 teams, in a year.

However, it is rare for a team to leave the camp undefeated in play.

"Charleston High School was in the Final Four last year," Samuels said. "This year, they were undefeated, winning all 12 games during the camp."

"They advanced into the Final Four and came out undefeated this year. This shows great improvement from last year."

The Charleston team left the camp with more skills and practice, as well as a championship T-shirt.

"Whichever team wins the championship receives an Eastern Team Camp Champion T-shirt," Samuels said.

Other schools who have attended the camp include University High from Urbana and Winnebago High School.

"Winnebago has come to the camp multiple times," Samuels said. "They made it to the Final Four this year. Last year, they won the camp championship and ended up Class A champions for the season."

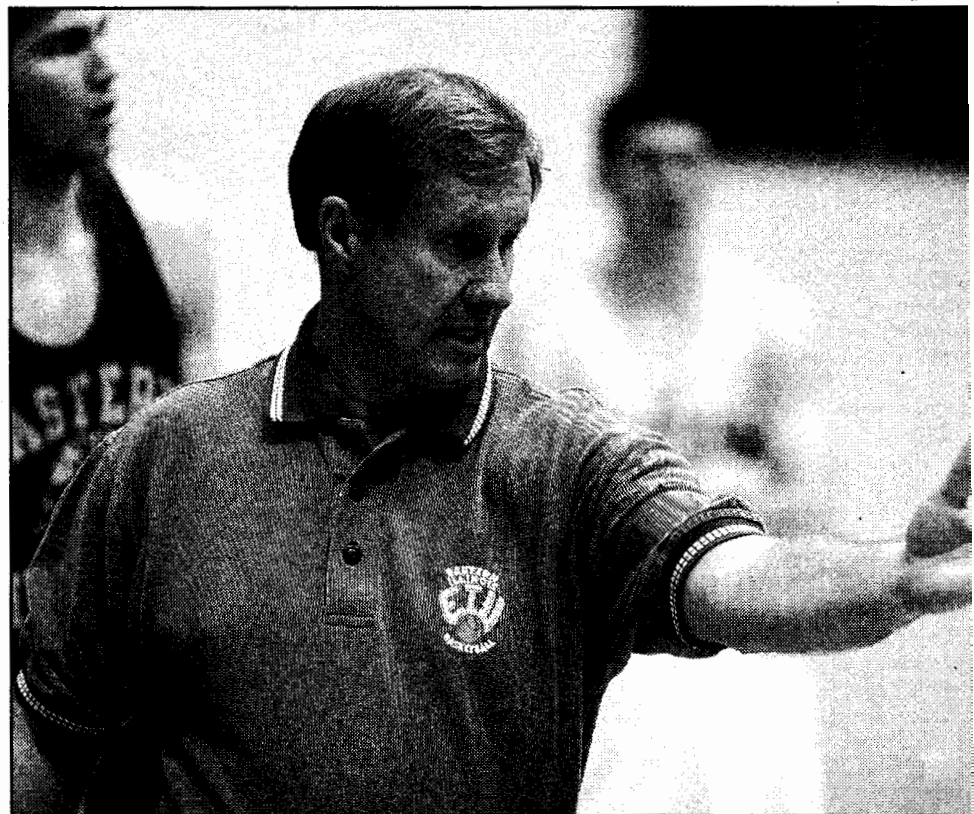
The High School Basketball Team Camp I, held in June, attracted more schools from the Chicagoland area.

"We saw schools like Oak Forest, St. Francis High School in Wheaton, and Lisle Senior High School," Samuels said.

This year's camp had teams play eight games during their time in camp.

"There were three games played on Thursday, five on Friday, and two games Sunday morning," Samuels said. "The championship was played that night. In order to come out undefeated, Charleston had to win two games on Sunday, and they did it."

Information about the camp is sent out to Illinois high school coaches and players. Although there have not been any out of state teams recently, information is also sent out to schools in other states, including Iowa, Kentucky and Indiana.



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Head basketball coach Rick Samuels explains a play during a team practice in Lantz Arena last season. Samuels has hosted the high school basketball team camps for 24 years.

Those interested apply to attend the camp with their team and coach. This allows the team to learn to work together for the upcoming season.

"This camp has a team concept," Samuel said. "High school coaches are able to gather their teams together and work on building a team chemistry."

Observing their own team members helps players to work together as a team, but they are also able to observe other teams and players.

"There were more freshmen teams this year than varsity," Samuels said. "This camp allows those who are younger the chance to observe the older players and learn how to work together."

The camp is all about playing games against the other teams.

"All we do is play basketball," Samuels said. "We have free time for swimming so the players can cool off between games. Other than brief instruction and going over NCAA requirements, most of the time is spent playing games."

In the past, Eastern acquired players from high school players who attended the camp.

"Derek Landrus attended the camp as a member of the Charleston team," Samuels said. "There was also Johnny Hernandez who came to camp with the Rockford team. At the first camp 24 years ago, there was Dave Vance from Lake Park."

Eastern coaches still keep an eye out for potential Panthers.

"There were at least two or three participants at this year's camp that were very promising," Samuels said.

Cardinals defeat Cubs despite seven runs in second inning

Cubs fall to ten games under Cardinals in NL Central series

CHICAGO (AP) — Albert Pujols left a lasting impression on the Chicago Cubs.

Pujols hit his third homer of the game in the ninth inning, a tiebreaking shot that sent the St. Louis Cardinals to an 11-8 comeback victory over Chicago on a testy Tuesday.

Pujols went 5-for-5 with a double and five RBIs, helping St. Louis rally from a six-run deficit in the final meeting of the season between the heated rivals. The Cardinals left Wrigley Field with a 10-game lead over the third-place Cubs in the NL Central.

A day after the teams nearly scuffled, there was more trouble. St. Louis starter Matt Morris threw a fastball behind Corey Patterson in the first, prompting a warning to both benches from plate umpire Tim Tschida.

Cubs reliever LaTroy Hawkins, who gave up Pujols' go-ahead homer, was ejected after he started yelling at Tschida as he walked toward the dugout in the middle of the ninth.

An angry Hawkins had to be restrained by manager Dusty Baker and several Cubs coaches from going at Tschida before he was

finally forced into the Chicago dugout.

Pujols hit a two-run drive off Hawkins (2-2), and Reggie Sanders added a solo shot in the three-run ninth as St. Louis roared back after trailing 7-1.

Jason Istringhausen got three outs for his 24th save in 28 chances, retiring Aramis Ramirez on a shallow fly with the bases loaded to end it.

Pujols had an RBI double in the first, hit his 25th homer in the third, No. 26 in the seventh off Kyle Farnsworth and then his 27th in the ninth. It was his first three-homer game.

So Taguchi's homer off Farnsworth in the eighth tied the game at 8.

St. Louis, now 13-2 in July, captured the season series with the Cubs 11-8. Ray King (3-0) got the win with a scoreless eighth.

Chicago jumped on longtime nemesis Morris for seven second-inning runs but couldn't hold it in a devastating defeat.

The benches emptied Monday night when a fiery Cubs starter Carlos Zambrano hit the Cardinals' Jim Edmonds with pitches twice and was ejected, the latest chapter in a long-running feud.

Glendon Rusch, filling in for Mark Prior, allowed five runs in five-plus innings.

Rusch left in the sixth after Pujols, Scott Rolen and Edmonds hit consecutive singles to pull the Cardinals to 8-3.

Reliever Francis Beltran walked the first two batters he faced, forcing in a run, and Taguchi's infield single off Beltran's glove made it 8-5. Pinch-hitter Ray Lankford hit a sacrifice fly off Kent Mercker to cut it to two.

Derrek Lee's two-run homer after Moises Alou led off the second with a walk got the Cubs going against Morris.

Ramirez doubled to right-center and Michael Barrett — who had been jawing with the Cardinals' dugout and had to be restrained Monday night — followed with another two-run homer to right.

Even Rusch got to Morris, hitting a long drive off the ivy in left-center. After Todd Walker walked, Patterson hit a two-run double, moved up on a wild pitch and scored on Alou's single that finished Morris.

Ramirez homered off Cal Eldred in the third to make it 8-2.

In his shortest outing of the season, Morris gave up six hits and seven runs in 1 2/3 innings, including the two homers that raised his NL-leading total to 26.